

Beaver County YMCA Childcare & School Age Programs

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Our childcare & school age programs will follow recommendations of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), OCDEL (Office of Child Development and Early Learning) and state and local health guidelines. We have modified our previous program to ensure safety while providing children with an outstanding childcare experience. Adjustments include the addition of many safety protocols for staff and children.

This page is intended to provide parents and children with a comprehensive overview of changes in policies and procedures while also providing reassurance that **safety is our top priority**.

The following policies are in place as of July 2020. As policies are updated or lessened based on CDC Guidelines, families will be notified and this document will be updated.



Hand Washing & Wellness Checks

- All children are required to complete a daily health check at our front door drop off. This will include a temperature check and brief wellness survey. (Beaver County YMCA staff reserves the right to decline entry for any child who looks and/or sounds unwell.)
- Immediately after entry into our center, all children will be required to wash their hands with water and soap for 20 seconds; if water and soap are not immediately available, alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be applied.
- Hand washing will be scheduled after each group activity and frequently throughout the day. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will also be applied throughout the day.
- Staff will remind children to avoid touching their eyes or face throughout the day.



Cleaning/Sanitizing

- The Y will implement sanitation procedures throughout the day, disinfecting high volume surfaces such as doorknobs, tables and bathrooms regularly.
- All toys, manipulative and craft supplies will be wiped down immediately after use.
- YMCA cleaning staff will clean and sanitize all spaces at the end of each day.
- YMCA staff will sanitize shared spaces, before a new group arrives.



Packed Lunch Requirements

- Any meals provided by the Y will be individually packaged. Family style meals have been eliminated from our programs.
- Any breakfast, lunch, or snack from home should be packed in disposable wrap or disposable bags with disposable utensils.



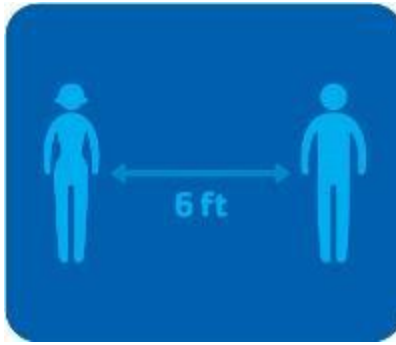
Personal Item Requirements

- Children should leave all non-essential items at home.
- Children's belongings should come to our center in a wipe able/reusable or disposable paper bag.
- Any personal items coming to and from the center will be sent home daily.



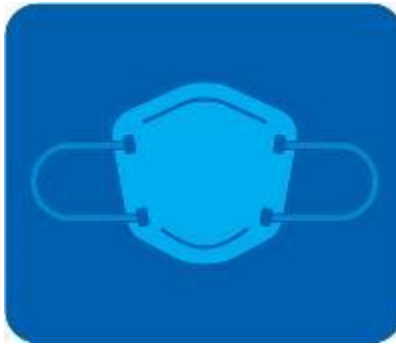
New Drop Off and Pickup Procedures

- Drop off and pickup of children will take place inside the YMCA lobby at our childcare entrance.
- Parents/guardians will not be permitted within the center.
- Parents must wear face masks at drop off/pick up, and are reminded to maintain physical distance from other families.
- Children over 2 years of age who are able must wear face masks at drop off/pick up and in common areas of the Y.



Physical Distancing

- Contact between classrooms will be limited to reduce the spread of germs.
- 6' physical distancing will be maintained by utilizing outdoor spaces and larger indoor spaces, and by limiting games and activities requiring close proximity.
- Staff will remind children throughout the day to maintain greater physical distance.
- Children over 2 years of age who are able will wear masks at drop off/pick up, when in line/during transition times, when in common areas of the Y, and at any other time social distance is unable to be maintained.



Staff Requirements & Training

- All staff are required to wear masks when indoors and when not participating in physical activity with children.
- Daily COVID-19 health screening survey to be completed by staff.
- Staff will undergo daily temperature checks.
- Staff will wash their hands upon entry to the center.
- Staff will observe frequent and scheduled hand washing protocols.
- Staff will wear gloves (or additional PPE) when assisting children with self-care needs.



Response & Policies

- Staff or children showing a fever of 100.4F or higher will be excluded from participating in our program.
- Staff or children exhibiting any symptoms of illness, including but not limited to persistent cough and/or shortness of breath, will also be excluded from the program.
- If a child develops symptoms after admittance to the program, they will be separated from their group until pickup by parent/guardian.